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1. SUMMARY. DIVISION BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT WITHIN PERONIST MOVEMENT WAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED OVER THE WEEKEND BY BOMBING OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN MENDOZA AND PUBLICATION OF ADS BY CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS DENOUNCING STATEMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE BY LEFTIS LEADERS. END SUMMARY

2. ADS WERE PLACED IN SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS BY THREE SEPARATE ORTHODOX PERONIST GROUPS ON OCT 22 IN WHAT WAS OBVIOUSLY A COORDINATED ATTACK ON LEFTIST ELEMENTS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT. ALL THREE ADS WERE DIRECTED AGAINST MARIO FIRMENICH AND ROBERTO QUIETO. THE TWO, LEADERS OF THE PERONIST GUERILLA GROUPS MONTONEROS AND REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES (FAR), SPOKE AT A RALLY OF SOME 7000 LEFTIST-PERONIST YOUTH IN CORDOBA ON OCT 17.

3. THE TWO GUERILLA LEADERS SPOKE OF RECENT UNIFICATION OF FAR AND MONTONEROS. UNIFIED GROUP WILL CALL ITSELF MONTONEROS
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WITH FAR LABEL BEING DROPPED. THEY ALSO SPOKE ON "18 YEAR

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STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION". ADS QUOTED THE TWO OUT OF CONTEXT TO GIVE AN ANTI-PERON FLAVOR AND DEMANDED THAT FIRMENICH AND QUIETO RATIFY OR DENY THE STATEMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THEM. ADS WERE PLACED BY 62 ORGANIZATIONS, JUVENTUD SINDICAL PERONISTA AND THE YOUTH BRANCH OF CONSEJO SUPERIOR.

4. IN SPEPARATE BUT PROBABLY RELATED INCIDENT, OFFICE OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR BACA IN MENDOZA WAS BOMBED WITH ONE PERSON INJURED. BACA HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE TO PURGE "MARXIST" ELEMENTS IN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. BACA HAS BEEN AT ODDS WITH LOCAL CGT LEADERS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

5. COMMENT. TWO EVENTS GIVE ADDITIONAL INDICATION OF DEEP DIVISIONS IN PERONIST MOVEMENT BETWEEN RIGHT AND LEFT. INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE HAVE BECOME COMMON SINCE RUCCI ASSASIN-ATION. CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS, NEEDLESS TO SAY, DEFINE MARXISTS RATHER BROADLY AS PURGE CONTINUES (BA 7213). AN EDITORIAL IN "EL DESCAMISADO" A LEFTIST-PERONIST YOUTH ORIENTED WEEKLY STATED THAT UNITY IN THE MOVEMENT CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED THROUGH LOYALTY TO PERON AND THAT THOSE WHO PERSIST IN TRYING TO CARRY OUT THE "PURIFICATION PROCESS" COULD DIE IN THE ATTEMPT. WHILE NOT HOLDING PERON RESPONSIBLE THIS IS THE CLEAREST STATEMENT OF OPPOSITION TO PERON'S DIRECTIVE ON PART OF THIS SECTOR. SINCE LEFT HAS BEEN ON RECEIVING END OF MOST OF THE ACTS OF RECENT WEEKS, THIS INDICATION OF A WILLINGNESS TO FIGHT BACK COULD BE A PORTENT OF FURTHER VIOLENCE.
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